

**Northport Village Corporation  
Village Agent Report  
September 11, 2022 Board of Overseers Meeting**

**Parking Ordinance Implementation**

- Cradle Row: Need a plan, money and new signage for planned future Cradle Row/Grove Street use.
  - Grove Street/Cradle Row Preparation for Parking: Working with Brown's Excavation on an affordable solution. (1) First option, although better, is too expensive: 4' wide trench by 140' long filled with rock tailings; 12" of -2" gravel over everything, except first 40' from Clinton in because that area is in better shape and needs less gravel. \$9,000. (2) 4' x 140' 2' deep trench, filled with rock tailings and 6" of -2" gravel, except 4" of gravel over first 40' in from Clinton. \$6,800. (3) Same as option 2, except only 4" of -2" gravel throughout. Cars may sink down and this option may not last as long as other options. \$6,200. All options will direct water to the Pleasant Lane ditch.
- I was pleasantly surprised that lots of folks used this parking option this summer.

**Parks**

- Ruggles Park
  - New playground and basketball signs just received and will be installed.
  - Playground drainage work needs to be done this fall. I haven't received any information about this yet.
- Bottom of Ruggles Park: Water running down the public walkway between 3 and 5 Park Row that washes silt and rocks down the side of the Park Row extension and around the corner of the boat ramp down toward the Bay. Met with contractor to discuss installing a storm drain to capture that water. Estimate is \$5,000 for new catch basin that ties into the one further down.
- Bayview Park: Contractor has not yet started work on the gazebo repair because of his workload. Work needs to be done this fall.

**Wharf, floats and seawall**

- Signage: Safety Committee and Wharfmaster have requested new signage regarding swimming safety and fishing rules. Will get estimates when I receive final language from Safety, Waterfront and Wharfmaster. Dock activity this year shows that new signage is needed. Also need to repaint the white line marking where jumping off the dock is ok.

**Roads**

- North Avenue: before fuel costs skyrocketed, estimate to cut out curbing, dig out and fill in with gravel and hot top new area was \$5,000. Oil truck wheels may deteriorate the new hot top, and there is no guarantee about how long this “fix” will last.
- Property owner complaints about water runoff from village roads: Whenever I have an opportunity, I advise property owners building new structures or doing major remodels to build their foundations higher than the crest of the road grade to avoid flooding. Property owners who ignore this advice then complain that runoff from the road floods their property and they want the village to do something about it. I suggest that we figure out some other ways to communicate this information. Website? Zoning ordinance?

### Miscellaneous

- Fence around the pond: The frost has picked up the concrete posts and the fence is falling over. Replacing the fence was on a “10-year plan” that was never funded. Looking at temporary fix to reset the posts, but longer-term fix is needed soon.
- Truck and sander: When the sander is removed from the truck and cleaned up, I have identified someone who will try to repair it. If we can’t repair, we will have to replace two chains for the slide tray. In addition the snowplow needs new blades (estimate \$800) and needs to be serviced this year.
- I continue to field calls from private contractors working throughout the Village on current and planned projects in the Village.
- I continue to deal with various villagers with issues they want addressed.

### Village projects/needs on the near and far horizon with budget implications

- **Basketball court**: Resurfacing will need to be done in the near future. The crack(s) is widening and will present a hazard at some point. Jim and Cathy Ross decided not to organize pickleball until the crack is repaired.
- **Community Hall**:
  - Hammond Lumber informed me that the hardware for the new door will not be available until September, so the new door installation will be arranged as soon as the hardware is available.
- **Inshore mooring block for the boat float**: The block is near the end of its life and needs to be replaced.
- **Floats replacement**: It is time to begin setting aside and saving money to replace the swim float. Replacement cost ballpark: \$25-45, 000. Then, it will be time to save for a new boat float. Working on refining a cost estimate.

### Other Activities

- Effective the end of August, assumed temporary responsibilities of Treatment Plant Operator until Ferne returns from medical leave.
- Interim Office Manager work.

- Wastewater and water department work with new connections.
- Getting ready for the fall seasonal water shut offs. Still looking for casual labor help with this work and other projects.
- Seasonal water shut off issues: Peter Simpson's decision to no longer do water shut offs requires some communication with many customers who do not understand the process. I talked to Janae about a notice posted on websites and added to utility bills to cover the basics:
  - Seasonal water shut off starts Oct 15 and all seasonal water needs to be off by Nov 1.
  - Shutting off the water at the street (Village property/equipment) is prohibited unless authorized by Village Agent. Only the Village turns water on/off at the street.
  - Everything from the Village shut off at the street to the house and under/in the house is the homeowner's responsibility. The homeowner arranges with a plumber to drain the house, remove the water meter in or under the house and return the water meter to the Village for winter storage.
  - The water meters belong to the Water Department. The Village collects and stores them for the winter.

Submitted by Bill Paige, Village Agent.